

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Nine sheets of replacement drawings are attached to this response. The replacement drawings replace all original drawings. All hand-drawn figures are replaced by machine generated drawings and all other figures have been modified to increase clarity. A summary of the changes to the drawings is as follows:

- Figure 1. Shading removed for better clarity.
- Figure 2. Shading replaced with line hatching for greater clarity.
- Figure 3. Shading replaced with line hatching for greater clarity.
- Figure 4. Shading replaced with line hatching for greater clarity.
- Figure 5. Shading removed for greater clarity.
- Figure 6. Shading replaced with line hatching for greater clarity.
- Figure 7. Hand-drawing replaced with computer generated drawing.
- Figure 8. Hand-drawing replaced with computer generated drawing.
- Figure 9. Hand-drawing replaced with computer generated drawing. Spring 46 drawn with greater clarity.
- Figure 10. Hand-drawing replaced with computer generated drawing.
- Figure 11. Hand-drawing replaced with computer generated drawing.

Replacement sheets one through nine replace the original drawing sheets. Each replacement sheet is marked "Replacement Sheet" in the top margin.

Attachment: Replacement Drawing Sheets one through nine.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing discussion presented herein.

Non-Compliant Replacement Drawings

Applicants have attached replacement drawing sheets and marked each sheet as a "Replacement Sheet" in the top margin. Applicants request that the Examiner accept the attached sheets as replacements for the original drawings

Amendments Made Without Prejudice or Estoppel.

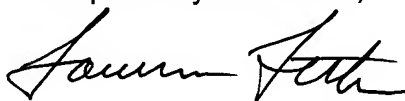
Notwithstanding the amendments made, these amendments have been made without any prejudice, waiver, or estoppel, and without forfeiture or dedication to the public, with respect to the original subject matter of the claims as originally filed or in their form immediately preceding these amendments.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner accept the amendment as compliant and reconsider the application. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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Attachment: Replacement Drawing Sheets